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News briefs

Blood drive

Malmstrom is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive and cookout at the Health and Wellness Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Summer is here, and there is a "Donor Drought." Colleges and high schools are on break and family activities are greatly increased during the summer months, which directly impacts the available donor base. Unfortunately, increased activities also contribute to an increase in accidents requiring blood transfusions.

Help beat the heat of the summer by attending the upcoming blood draw and cookout at Malmstrom. New donors are welcome.

There's a need for Type "O" blood. People with O-positive or O-negative blood call 727-2212 to schedule an appointment for blood donation at Malmstrom.

Legal notice

Col Tom Deppe, 341st Space Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of SSgt Aaron Wright, 341st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of SSgt Wright should contact 2d Lt Molly Long, 341st Mission Support Squadron, at 731-4102.

Awards breakfast

The quarterly awards breakfast is at 7:15 a.m. July 27 at Club Malmstrom. See first sergeants for tickets.

Team Malmstrom salutes deployed personnel and their families



26 personnel in five operations
Current as of Thursday

WARRIOR WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
40%	20%	20%
78/57 F	78/53 F	74/53 F

Malmstrom NCO one of 12 best

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A Malmstrom sergeant who works with electrical power turned on the juice to be selected as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen.

SSgt Jason Raether, 341st Logistics Support Squadron, was chosen this week as one of those 12. SSgt Raether works in the power, refrigeration and electrical section.

The annual award goes to a dozen airmen and sergeants who exemplify the best of the Air Force's members.

"I make time for what's important to me," said SSgt Raether. "I've always had people help me out, and I try to give back as much as I can."

If SSgt Raether has a plaque wall, this last year would blanket it. He was named Airman of the Year for Malmstrom, 20th Air Force and Air Force Space Command before going up for the 12 Outstanding Airmen Award. He's also been Airman of the Quarter for the 341st Space Wing July through September of 2000 and earned the first sergeants' Sharp Troop Award twice last year.

The rise comes as no surprise to SSgt Raether's former supervisor who put him in for the award.

"He just stood out," said MSgt Bill Kelly, the NCOIC of facilities maintenance team section, 341st LSS. "I had a shop full of sharp troops, but his work ethic and his motivational level was high. He certainly fulfilled all the duties and tasks given him. Plus, he was on the base honor guard. He presented a good image. He's the one who everyone would point to if they were thinking of an outstanding airman."



Photo by A1C Harold Barnes III
(Right) SSgt Jason Raether, 341st Logistics Support Squadron, works on an elevator workcase assembly with TSgt Kenneth Hanson, 341st LSS.

The fact that SSgt Raether also won the Lt Gen Leo Marquez Award for Missile Maintenance (Technician Category) for 2000 didn't hurt his chances either, MSgt Kelly said.

"I feel happy for him. He deserves it," MSgt Kelly added. "I think a lot of people here on Malmstrom perform on an exceptional level and, given the right time and circumstances, they could do the same."

That's a feeling that SSgt Raether concurs with.

"I encourage people to find something that they like. Helping other people helps build relationships and makes friends," he said.

AF promotes 64%; highest in 30 years

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force has selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for the 01E5 cycle, an overall 64.63-percent selection rate. At Malmstrom, 230 senior airmen were selected out of 406 eligible, an overall 56.65 percent.

This is the highest promotion rate in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The selection rate represents a 13.89-percent increase from last year's record of 50.74 percent.

More vacancies have been created by more first- and second-term airmen than expected choosing not to re-enlist the past couple of years. When 'retention' is low, it leads to more staff sergeant slots that are then filled through promotions, he said.

"We think these opportunities, with earlier promotions and pay

increases, should be a great incentive for airmen to stay in the Air Force," CMSgt Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief said.

People who tested will receive score notices that let them see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they competed with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant in September and continue to August 2002.

The Malmstrom selectees are:
341st Logistics Group
341st Transportation Squadron
Zaid Abod, Elizabeth Bice, Joseph Bryant, Nicky Burres, Shane Chandler, Lloyd Fletcherboggs, Michael Glathar, Heather Gorordo, Casey Hylton, Pete Jimenez, Sean

President picks AF Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The president today announced his nomination of Gen John Jumper for assignment as chief of staff of the Air Force.

Gen Jumper is presently the commander of Headquarters, Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. He has served in the Air Force since 1966 and has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings and a numbered air force.

He's a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft, and completed two tours of duty in Southeast Asia. Gen Jumper has received numerous awards for his military service including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Gen Jumper earned his undergraduate degree from Virginia Military Institute, completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., received a M. B. A. from Golden Gate University, Calif., and then attended the National War College, D.C.



(Courtesy of the Office of the Press Secretary, the White House.)

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